

TO ABOLISH MINOR TITLES IN TENNIS

National Officials Recommend Amendment to Eliminate Picayune Championships.

RANKINGS WELL LIKED

By DANIEL.

Sanctioned tennis championships of The Bronx, North Side, Beach Haven, and way stations appear dead. If an amendment to the constitution of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association recommended by the executive committee is passed at the annual meeting here in February the picayune title abuse will be wiped out.

There has been a growing tendency in recent years to create all sorts of tennis championships. In the first of the amateur tournaments, the picayune portions give a tournament added prestige, clubs throughout the country have not been content to ask merely for a sanction to hold an open competition. They have been making nearly every tournament a championship event and the result has been more or less ludicrous.

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American Association Delegates, With President Hickey at Helm, Arrive to Arrange Inter-League Series—Big Baseball Week Is On.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.

A delegation of American Association draw, but Sam Lichtenstein, who has financed a loss in the Canadian city for the cold wave from the middle West yesterday and formed the first triple of the Winter League baseball.

The international pilgrimage consisted of Hickey, J. H. Williams, of Elmwood, Mike Cantillon of Minneapolis, A. E. Timme of Milwaukee, J. C. McGill of Indianapolis, John W. Norton of St. Paul and Billy Clymer, manager of the Louisville American Association champions.

The Association men are in New York for the purpose of accepting the challenge of Ed Barrow, president of the International League, for an extended interleague series next fall in which all the sixteen teams comprising the two big class AA leagues compete.

The International League will fire the opening gun of its 1917 season at the Imperial Hotel at 11 o'clock this morning when Barrow's board of directors will go into session. The annual meeting of the league will be called to order two hours later.

Double Schedule to Be Adopted.

The most important business before the league is the adoption of the double schedule, which calls for a league season of 112 games, ending August 5, and a forty-eight game series with the American Association. However,

Barrow says the committee has practically decided not to make this request on the major leagues this winter.

While the International League will hold the stage to-day their act is only a preliminary for the big bout of the year, if F. S. Hyde of Harvard is to be believed. The League meeting will start with the International, the AA, and the American Association.

Officials of the tennis association last year took steps to discourage the spread of the practice and succeeded.

Some of the tournament holders, such as the Westchester County Association, were content to call their competitions closed events and drop the championship feature.

Some "Titles" to Continue.

Even if the amendment is passed a good number of the so-called championships will again be staged next season, for the Association does not contemplate the immediate abolition of the picayune titles.

The amendment provides that all such championships be continued until the trophies at stake are won outright.

The amendment would provide only for national, sectional, State and city championships. This proviso would not interfere with the metropolitan championships which decides the city and section titles. Major and minor doubles, long a feature at the New York City Club, would be done away with, and the remaining will rule on tournaments like the Long Island championship.

The change advocated by the executive committee is as follows:

"Members of the U. S. N. L. T. A. may apply each year for a given time to an officer of the executive committee for officially sanctioned tournaments which they desire to hold during the year. Such titles and events to consist of the following:

1. The national championships.

2. The sectional championships (referring to the stated sections of the country under article 5, section 2, and to include such additional sections as may complete these divisions from time to time by amendment).

3. City championships.

All other tournaments to be allotted under the name of the club, association or member holding such tournament, and all other titles now awarded to be automatically eliminated as trophies in these events now in process of competition are won outright."

Ranking Code Needed.

Another amendment recommended would come from voting at the annual meeting and holding a tournament during the following season, any club which had not paid its annual dues by the first of February.

Tennis followers in this section received the ranking lists published yesterday with satisfaction, although there were two instances of opinion regarding several men placed among the first ten. There was a disposition, in particular, to dispute the right of Ishii Kumanos to fifth place.

The association is to continue the practice of issuing annual ratings it had better follow the ranking code suggested by the ranking committee. The committee reported that it had disengaged Kumanos' defeat by Watson M. Washburn in the final at Point Judith because it was the Jap's first competition on turf. One committee might give him a chance, another might be guided solely by arithmetical results.

The suggestion for the formation of an association of umpires is a commendable one and might well be extended to include all officials connected with tennis—especially foot fault judges. Such an organization exists in England.

WIND HAMPERS GUNNERS.

Prevents High Scores in Shoots at New York A. C. Trap.

J. L. Spots was high scratch gunner in the New York A. C. shoot at Travers Island yesterday afternoon, but because of the high winds his scores were not up to the mark and he returned only a 92 out of a possible 160.

Only one straight score was made during the afternoon. That was by M. McVoy Jr., in the contest for the Travers Island. Four gunners earned legs on the Haslin cup. They were D. S. McCutcheon, G. W. Derrick, A. W. Currie and R. M. Owen.

Legs on the Accumulation trophy were scored by J. H. Vanderveer, D. S. McCutcheon, W. R. Delahanty, W. C. Poorer and C. W. Derrick. The scores:

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English Coaching Club to Erect a Granite Memorial.

London, Dec. 10.—To commemorate the memory of A. G. Vanderbilt, who was drowned in the Adriatic, and his prolonged association with English coaching, members of the Coaching Club, Dr. Edward Faure, Webster, Moore, Hart, Harry A. Peter, University School, M. R. McDonald, Oak Park and River Forest Township High School; Dr. William M. Irvine, Liverpool; Dr. Alfred A. Swan, Andover.

TO HONOR A. G. VANDERBILT.

The plan has been submitted to theorking Rural District Council for approval, and it is intended to present the memorial to the British Parliament.

A committee of which Lord Rosebery is an active member, has been convened to further the movement.

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PROS" TO PLAY SQUASH.

A squash match between Walter A. Kneissel, the professional champion, who resides in the Bronx, and the Spanish Club, of New York, has been arranged. It will be played the day before the final of the amateur handicap tournament at the Harvard Club. Kneissel, who wrested the title from Feron, is to concede the former champion five sets.

HOCKEY AT COLUMBIA.

In a notable point in hockey again became a major sport at Columbia University, the association of Picentini was by a narrow margin voted the monogram man on the quad.

DAVIS OF HARVARD BEATEN AT SQUASH

GOLF "PROS" NEED BETTER ATTENTION

Suffers Unexpected Defeat by Keeler in National Handicap Tourney.

HYDE FAILS TO APPEAR

Club Instructors Entitled to Income Derived From Sale of Balls.

LESSONS MAY BE COSTLY

By JOHN G. ANDERSON.

There are not a few pitifuls of the professional golfer which from time to time have been usurped by some of the golf clubs in this country through their committees. Members of the golf committee, for instance, have felt that they have done the club a great service in taking over the sale of golf balls and at a few clubs a general line of golf supplies, too, for fear that the golfers would be turned off by the professional's profits.

In a few cases the amount of money which is lost by the professional is made up in an increased salary, but these instances are few indeed. I believe that if the golf ball sales are not to be given to the professional that the golfers in the hands of the balls should take place in his shop or else an industry is done the professional.

To begin with every one must have a certain number of golf balls in order to play the game. Most golfers start out with a new ball and the golf ball harder is being replenished almost every time he goes to the links. Some of the small clubs may need a few dollars which come from the sale of golf balls, but the golfers take place in the clubhouse at the regular rates.

With Watson and his clubmates carried off the point trophy, they finished seventh, ninth, tenth and twelfth for a total of 39 points. Macomber's A. C. was second with 57. St. Joseph's third with 66. Glenrose A. C. fourth with 82 and Harbrook A. C. fifth with 82. The finishes:

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